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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for September 24, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Bolge, Zaman / Adana Social Security Hospital pediatrician S. C. Tuysuz is accused of accepting 70,000,000 TL (Editor's Note: approximately 50 USD) from his patient. Police detained the pediatrician. (Editor's Note: This is another separate case involving a different doctor and hospital than the one recently reported).

3. Bolge, Zaman / Adana Democratic People's Party (DEHAP) members organized a sit down protest in front of their party building. DEHAP Party spokesman stated that they do not approve of the detention of DEHAP head Tuncer Bakirhan for attending a concert in Germany.

4. Evrensel / Salih Alan, a Catak village guard who lives in Van, committed suicide in his house a day before the start of military operations in which he was to participate.

5. Evrensel / Human Rights Organization (HRO) investigated the death of six people in the recent flooding in Mus. Attorney Mensur Isik stated that the six had returned to their villages under the protection of the "Home Return" law, but were left alone and forced to live in plastic tents. Isik accused the government of being responsible for these deaths.

6. Ekspres / In his statement to police, Oktay Uzun claims Umit Ozgumus, head of Adana Chamber of Industry, recruited and hired him to assault Kemal Kucuk, a newspaper reporter. Kucuk's nose was broken during the assault that took place about a week ago.

ECONOMIC

7. Tercuman, Cumhuriyet / Ismet Ciris, an Izmir investor, opened a textile factory and shopping center in Van employing 450 people. Ciris's attempt is expected to encourage other businessmen to invest in the Southeast.

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